

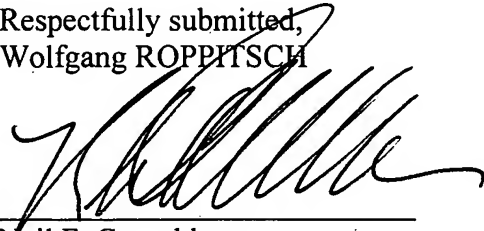
REMARKS

Entry of this amendment is respectfully requested prior to examination of the application. Applicant notes that the specification has been amended strictly to ensure closer compliance with U.S. patent practice. Paragraph numbers, headings, drawing descriptions and reference numerals have been added.

Applicant notes that the claims have been amended strictly to ensure closer compliance with U.S. patent practice and not for a reason related to patentability or for a reason related to distinguishing the invention over any known prior art reference. Accordingly, Applicant submits that no estoppel should apply to any feature recited in any of the so amended claims.

Authorization is hereby given to charge any fees necessary for the consideration of this preliminary amendment to deposit account No. 19-0089.

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